

Miss Lillian Richards is visiting in St. Louis.

Anything to sell, see Ball & Geery.

Hugh Donnelly visited in Kansas City this week.

Pete Erdel, Jr., at Rush Hill, sells Portland cement.

J. R. Snook sold wool to S. P. Emmons Tuesday at 30 cents.

W. J. Young, of Rush Hill, renews for the Message.

J. E. Blum, the Variety Store man, subscribes for this paper.

J. B. Botkin is in Ohio at encampment with his old army regiment.

Dr. W. L. Reed enjoyed a visit from his brother, of Salt Lake City, this week.

Mrs. Myra Hickman and little daughter of Princeton, Ill., are visiting Mrs. W. H. Hook here.

J. R. Snook sold six short yearling lambs to James Roy at 6 cts. a pound.

Mrs. Sarah Cauthorn and children left Tuesday for San Diego, Calif., where they will reside in the future.

John Coons of Hallsville attended the funeral of his sister at Sun Rise church yesterday, Mrs. B. F. Doan.

Clarence Hopkins, city mail carrier, attended a State meeting of mail carriers at Sedalia this week.

Russell Gregory is back from Cherry county, Neb., where he has been teaching. He was well pleased with that country.

The Pythian committee will be here June 23 to inspect the sites offered by Mexico for the location of the Pythian Home.

The matinee races at the Fair Grounds Monday afternoon were largely attended. Many visitors from other towns present.

Mrs. C. M. Skelly left Tuesday for Los Angeles, California. She will spend the summer with relatives in the Golden State.

Ball & Geery handle new and second hand goods.

J. N. Bailey and Frank Snyder, of Santa Fe, delivered 4,100 pounds of wool to S. P. Emmons in Mexico, Tuesday.

W. L. Bybee says he has been offered a dollar for his wheat, yet to be harvested. He expects new wheat to go at about \$1.10.

Miss Beulah Snook is visiting her uncle, A. B. Weider, south of Mexico, and her cousin, Henry Telkemper, near Auxvasse.

Farmers along the main road between here and Auxvasse are raising funds with which to meet the expense of dragging that thoroughfare regularly this summer. The road is 12 miles in length. The road got its first dragging Monday.

The ice cream supper served by the ladies of Trinity church Tuesday night on Harry Householder's lawn, was a delightful social event and very satisfactory in a financial way. They cleared about \$47.

Mrs. Charles Caldwell of this city fell from a ladder last Saturday at the home of her father, Dr. J. R. Fritts, and broke her arm.

Mr. James Fox of this city, and Miss Fannie Plosky of St. Louis, both mutes, were married by Judge W. W. Rotts last Monday. The ceremony was performed in writing. The groom is employed with S. N. Evans in the tailoring business.

#### A Pleasant Occasion.

Mrs. H. P. Warden and daughter, La Reine of North Liberty, entertained the following young ladies of their vicinity from two till six o'clock on the afternoon of May 20th, in honor of Miss Myrtle Walden's 18th birthday, Anna Sims, Blanch White, Esie White, Ella Mae Watts, Carrie Gist, Jennie James, Wilda Lockridge and Ruth Younger. Charades and other games were played, after which refreshments of two courses were served. Mrs. Warden is a charming hostess and all agreed they had thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

The girls of Liberty believe in having a good time and so made resolutions to meet oftener during the summer months.

#### Mrs. Doan Dead.

Mrs. Elizabeth Doan, wife of B. F. Doan of this city, who had been in ill health for some time, died at her home Tuesday afternoon, at 4 o'clock. She was one of the early citizens of the county and was 79 years of age. The funeral was held at Sun Rise Christian church yesterday afternoon, conducted by Eld. W. H. Hook. Mrs. Doan was a charter member of the Sun Rise church. She was beloved by all who knew her, and scores of friends join in extending sympathy to the relatives and the aged husband who survive her.

Ball & Geery for second hand furniture cheap.

Miss Laura Robertson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Robertson of Mexico, is making her mark as a singer in Washington City, where she is attending school. A Washington City paper thus speaks of her: "A brilliant future is predicted for this gifted young woman."

Phil Quisenberry, an old settler and highly respected citizen of Santa Fe, after a protracted illness, died a few days ago.

Fred Henke, out Molino way, paid this office a pleasant call Monday, subscribing for the paper.

Mayor E. D. Graham is pushing that movement for the organization of a local cemetery association. The movement needs every encouragement. It would give the cemetery far better care.

Ball & Geery is a good place to buy a cook stove.

Laddonia is to have a rally of all the Sunday schools of the town next Sunday. Prof. J. W. Million and Dr. W. L. Reed of Mexico will be present and make addresses. There will be a big dinner for everybody in the Park.

Prof. S. T. Davis had charge of the rural graduation exercises in Mexico last Saturday, being kindly assisted by Prof. L. B. Hawthorne. Mr. Davis originated this rural graduation work in the county, holding the first exercises of the kind in Mexico and Vandalia a year ago. If the other counties over the State will take up this work also and push it from now on from year to year it will mean much for the rural schools.

The editor of the Message attended Memorial Day services at the M. E. Church in Laddonia last Sunday. It was under the auspices of the local G. A. R. Comrade Pritchett having charge. Rev. Roberts of the M. E. Church, South, preached the sermon. Attorney E. C. Kennen also delivered an address and W. R. Thompson read an appropriate poem. A male quartette furnished special music. It was the best service of the kind we ever attended. The old soldiers—both the Blue and the Gray—are rapidly falling out of the ranks and soon the places that knew them will know them no more forever.

#### Powell Ford.

Farmers are kept out of their fields on account of so much rain. Old Salt River was swimming last Sunday, and Wednesday of last week. Some say the water was the highest it has been this season.

M. N. Powell sold one yearling heifer to Wm. Mason for \$26. J. W. Powell sold a yearling to Earl Carter for \$33 and one cow to Mr. Skinner for \$40.

Mrs. Sam Hatcher of Auxvasse was the guest of Miss Bennetta Dillard Saturday night. Mrs. Hatcher came over to visit the cemetery.

Wm. Maxson shipped 2 loads of nice cattle to St. Louis last week.

Mrs. James Powell is able to be out again.

Albert Dillard of Laddonia is the guest of his uncle, Dan Dillard of this vicinity.

Misses Edna and Anna McMurry attended the Baccalaureate services at Hardin College on May 23.

Earl Carter sold a nice lot of cattle to George Hall of Mexico, delivered last week.

Master C. P. Hamilton of Mexico, spent last week with T. J. Powell and family.

Mr. Day sold his buggy horse last week.

Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Houston of Mexico attended S. S. at Rising Sun last Sunday and invited the S. S. to Mexico next Sunday. There won't be any S. S. at Rising Sun next Sunday, but June 13 we will have both lessons.

Miss Bennetta Dillard went to Columbia Tuesday to attend the graduating exercises of the M. S. U. Her niece, Miss Bennetta Barkley of Mexico, being one of the graduates.

#### Thompson.

Miss Bettie Mae Considine was the guest of Mexico relatives Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Stella Skaggs of Centralia is making a brief visit to Miss Bettie May Considine.

C. C. Bledsoe delivered one car of nice fat heifers to H. T. Gant the last of the week. Mr. Bledsoe sold them at 8 cents, they weighed .06 1-4 in St. Louis.

H. T. Gant shipped a car of hogs Thursday night, averaging 220 lbs.

H. T. Vance is entertaining Mrs. Kimbraugh of Renick.

Eppa F. Elliott got in about 6000 lbs. of penitentiary and McCormick twine this week. The price will be low.

Mrs. May Considine is visiting her son, Joe, at this writing.

Joe Considine got out one car of butcher cattle to St. Louis over Wabash Monday.

Miss Margaret Murphy is at home from a visit to her grandmother.

Miss Edna Gant is taking music lessons under Miss Abbie Llewellyn of Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Puls are at home from a few days stay in Centralia.

The Thompson baseball nine was defeated by the Centralia first nine in that place Sunday by a score of 12 to 7.

Miss Bettie Mae Considine will leave shortly to visit friends in Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Boone returned from Centralia Monday after a two days' stay with the former's father.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Considine spent the first of the week in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Franklin and son, Irvin, and F. M. Tinsley and wife were Sunday guests of Mrs. Eugie Tinsley and family.

Misses Mabel Kilgore and Mattie Lang took the examination for the rural districts in Mexico Saturday. Each received diploma. They are among our brightest young ladies.

Memorial Day was generally observed in Mexico last Sunday. People flocked to the cemetery all day, decorating the graves of their departed loved ones.

# June Clearing Sale Ragsdale's Cash Store

We find too many goods in several departments, hence we name these low prices in order to move these goods quickly:

#### Shoe Department.

Star brand shoes are better than the law shoes, viscolized calf, 3 soles.

The kind to stand the rocks, a regular \$3.50 seller, our price pr. \$2.75.

Men's pluck dress shoe, Welt vici kid and patent colt, \$3.50 value, our price \$3.00.

Men's patent and tan Oxfords for \$2.50 and \$3.00.

Women's patent tan pumps, 1 strap \$2.50 value, our price \$1.95.

Other pumps down to \$1.49.

Baby pumps .49 cents.

Topsy Hose.

Women's Topsy Geneva silk hose, colors, cream, tan, black, blue, pink and ox-blood, regular 35c. value now on sale pr. 25c.

Women's lace Topsy hose pr. 15c. 25c. 39c.

Topsy hose for the babies pr. 10c. 15c. and 25c.

Special—200 linen towels 25c. and 35c. values now on sale, each 19c.

200 men's work shirts bought special for this sale, 45c. value now 35c.

Special children's check Romps.

ers, great labor saver for the mothers, 50c. value, for this sale 35c.

Special—5 doz. 18 in. white napkins 10c. value now each 8c.

Special—500 odd pieces French china, mostly plates, bowls and fruits, really 25c. values, now on sale 10c.

72x90 sheets 50c. value now on sale 35c.

12x36 pillow cases, 15c. value, now 10c.

Special values in trunks, \$1.95 up to \$6.98. Suit cases 95c., \$1.49, \$1.98 up. Telescopes 39c., 49c., up to 95c.

Special values in lace curtains \$1.75c., 99c., up to \$3.98 pr. Other lace curtains down to 15c.

Special value in 8x12 floor rugs \$19.95, \$15.00 and \$9.00, these rugs are priced 10 per cent. under regular prices; also line axminster rugs—36x72 \$5.00, now \$3.98.

Special—50 nice framed pictures and wall mirrors, 20 per cent. discount from regular price.

Screen wire all widths 10c. yd. and up.

Special—30 in. high extension

window screen 50c. value, now 35c.

Screen doors the kind others ask \$1.25 for, our price complete 99c.

Special—30 allover embroidery shirt waist fronts, really \$1.25 value, now on sale 90c.

Special—6 doz. shirt waists embroidery and lace fronts 75c. \$1.00 sellers for this sale, choice, 45c.

Special—\$1.25 and \$1.48 sellers in fancy silk parasols also English twill with tape edge, choice of the lot 99c.

Special—6 doz. drummer's sample skirts bought at 50c. on the dollar, your choice as long as they last \$20 per cent. discount from regular prices; nicely trimmed gingham skirt 50c., value now 39c.

Nice large size bed spreads \$1.00 sellers, for this sale, 75c., other bed spreads, cut corners and fringed, up to \$1.98.

Special values in table linens \$1 yd. 25c., 45c., 50c., 75c., 99c.

Mercedized embroidery cotton in all colors, 2 skeins 5c.

Try our own 100 yd. spool silk

\$5 c. spool, they say it is as good as the 10c. spools.

Special values in women's and children's muslin gowns at 35c. These are regular 50c. sellers.

Special—50 doz. plain blown tumblers worth \$1.00 doz., for this sale, set, 25c.

Nice blown custards, each 10c.

Special—12 doz. large decorated salad bowls, table pitchers and cake plates, really 50c. sellers, for this sale 25c.

Special 96 page postal card album 10c.

Special—50 doz. plain white cups and saucers, set 25c., really 45c. value.

Notions.

Bone handle tooth brushes 5c.

Large and fancy barrettes 10c.

Ladies' vests 4c., 10c. and 15c.

Brass wash boards 25c.

15 in. brown linen crash, yd 5c.

1-2 gal. glass water pitcher 10c.

12 qt. tin soap pail, covered 25c.

500 carpet tacks 3c.

8 bars Pinyon laundry soap 25c.

1 gal. milk crock 5c.

\$1.00 alarm clocks now 69c.

40,000 local view post cards, 1c. and 3 for 5c.

Special Monday June 7th	Special Tuesday June 8th	Special Wednesday June 9th.	Special Thursday June 10th	Special Friday June 11th	Special Saturday June 12th
Table oil cloth, this day, yard 12c.	3x6 linen window shades, this day 16c.	Iron frame clothes wringer \$2.00 value this day, \$1.25.	\$1.00 No. 8 galvanized iron wash boiler 50c.	4 doz. \$1.25 and \$1.50 rugs, choice this day 99c.	3 Pott's sad iron's handle and rest, for this day, 79c.

These Specials will not be delivered.

#### High Hill District.

Crops of all kinds look well.

Eugene Patton and family visited at B. F. Puls' Wednesday.

They used to live in this neighborhood.

John Rediger lost a good mare a few days ago.

Mrs. Eliza Puls is taking treatment in Columbia. She is suffering from a cancer on her face.

Bob Palmer and family of Centralia spent a few days last week with E. P. Puls and family.

B. F. Puls sold seven stock hogs to Egbert Sims for \$55.30.

Buford Roberts and family visited at Lee Mayes, Sunday.

Decoration day was observed at Salt River church Sunday. A large crowd present.

S. A. Puls visited in the District, Sunday.

Many in this community were grieved to learn of the death of W. S. Edwards, and W. W. Mayes, both of whom died May 23. The former was 62 years old, and the latter was 90 years old.

Both had lived to make the world better, and while we regret to give them up, yet they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them. They are gone, but the good influence they sent forth still lives and will continue to bless the world. Each one spent the greater part of his life in Christian living. The bereaved have our sympathy.

#### Gant.

Farmers busy trying to plow their corn over before another rain.

Bro. Wright filled his appointment Sunday and Sunday night with a large audience.

Mrs. John Squires of Centralia is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Allen Duffy this week.

Miss Eleanor Chestnut of Mexico is visiting in our vicinity.

The dance at Jos Berry's Friday night was largely attended. All report a good time. Reuben Sims and Mr. Sitts furnished the music with a fiddle and guitar.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry still believe in entertaining the young folks.

Sunday is preaching day at New Hope.

Miss Mary Barnes visited her cousin, Mrs. Lollie Pattent of Centralia, last week.

Oats and grass are looking fine. Some had to plant their corn over

but not many.

Lawrence McCarty and Wm. Sims will have their new wind mills in operation soon.

Sunday was decoration day.

Several went to the grave yard at Salt River with lovely flowers to put on their loved ones' graves.

More interest should be taken in this work on that day.

Strawberries in full blast now.

They are fine this year.

#### Laddonia.

Ralph Wilder who has been attending school in Chicago is home on a visit.

The W. C. T. U.'s had a lecture on temperance at the Presbyterian church Monday by Mrs. Lora S. La Mauce.

W. R. Harrell, mail clerk on the C. & A., spent Sunday with Etta L. Eastham.

Miss Sara Vandeventer went visiting in Hannibal via the Auto last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Hale are visiting in Chicago.

Miss Margaret Torreyson of St. Louis spent Sunday and Monday with home folks here.

Miss Maggie Torreyson of Martinsburg is visiting her brother, C. A. Torreyson and family.

Union Sunday school rally next Sunday at the Park, with dinner on the ground. All the Sunday school and church forces will be on hand. The program will cover the entire day.

C. P. Eastham and daughter, Miss Etta, of Wellsville, spent a few days last week with Mrs. G. W. Watkins, Robt. Grainger, and M. L. Eastham.

Miss Christeen Garner of Richmond, Mo., is visiting Sara Vandeventer.

Kenneth Kennen and Ralph Hancock are home from Columbia where they have been attending school at the University.

Miss Eulah Keller of Montgomery City has been employed to teach room No. 4 of our school.

Horace McCoy of Vandalia spent Sunday with home folks here.

Margaret Hamilton left Sunday to attend Summer school at Kirksville.

Boot-legging going on in town. Result drunkenness and private property smashed last Friday night.

## The New Store

The Place Where Your Money Lasts Longest

New Dry Goods, New Shoes, New Notions, Etc. Visit us, we have something that will interest you.

### S. F. DARR CO.

WEST SIDE SQUARE.

Try Ball & Geery before selling your furniture.

B. B. Tureman, a former citizen of Mexico, died at his home in Kansas City last Sunday.

M. L. Travis of near Laddonia, was here Monday and called and renewed for the Message. He was on his return from St. Louis where he shipped a load of butcher stuff, the car bringing him \$1,126.64. Mr. Travis shipped out six car of cattle and hogs since the first of February.

#### Fine Barn Burned.

The fine barn of Frank Edwards, two miles west of Gert, was struck by lightning last Saturday night and burned to the ground. Mr. Edwards saw it when it caught; there was a blaze in the hay mound about the size of a lighted candle. He was able to get the live stock safely out, but he lost 500 bushels of corn with the barn. His total loss is about \$1,000. No insurance.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Matthews, who were married last week, the bride being formerly Mrs. Bertha Fletcher, left for their future home at Dorset, Minn., Monday. The Message will keep them posted on the doings in Audrain county for a year.

Miss Gertie Bush entertained at her home, Tuesday, June 1st, in honor of her guest, Miss Blanch Harris of Mexico. Misses Cora and Mamie Davis of Littleton and Miss Eva Bethel of Laddonia. A most enjoyable day was spent. Music and games was a feature. All went home hoping to spend another such a pleasant day with Miss Bush.

W. L. Bybee, near Santa Fe, called the other day and renewed for the Message for his brother, Leon Bybee. He informed us that the burial of Phil Quisenberry was held last Sunday afternoon at five o'clock, with the honors of the Odd Fellows. It was the largest attended funeral in the history of Santa Fe. Mr. Quisenberry was a man highly esteemed. He was past 70 years of age. His disease was blood poison.

Miss Julia Chinn, daughter of Rev. R. D. Chinn of Vandalia, graduated in Texas with honors and received a scholarship. The family spent the winter at San Antonio.